

House Resolution 1234

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st and Bryant of the 160th

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as Georgia Census Week, and urging the
2 residents of Georgia to participate completely in the United States 2010 Census to provide
3 an accurate count of the population of Georgia in the 2010 decennial census; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Article I, Section II of the United States Constitution mandates that a census of
6 the United States population be conducted every ten years, with the next census scheduled
7 to be conducted on April 1, 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, the data from the census is used to distribute Congressional seats to states,
9 determine redistricting of legislative and other government bodies, make decisions about
10 what community services to provide, and distribute approximately \$400 billion in federal
11 funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year; and

12 WHEREAS, an accurate count of the population is critical to the fair and equitable
13 distribution of these seats, services, and funds; and

14 WHEREAS, the residents of Georgia should participate in order to have an accurate count
15 as of April 1, 2010, of the population in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, there were many urban and rural hard-to-count areas in Georgia during the 2000
17 census, which hindered an accurate count; and

18 WHEREAS, a Georgia Complete Count Committee has been established to build awareness
19 of the importance and confidentiality of the Census, actively inspire Georgia residents to
20 participate in the Census, and work with other groups to share ideas and best practices to
21 encourage active participation in the Census; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Complete Count Committee has established March 11, 2010, as the
23 official kick-off day to promote the Census in Georgia, and to invite all local Complete
24 Count Committees to participate in the kick-off event which will encourage all residents to
25 mail back their completed Census form.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body urge Georgia residents to participate in the 2010 Census,
28 memorialize local Complete Count Committees to register on the website and work with the
29 Georgia Complete Count Committee, and recognize the week of March 8 through 14, 2010,
30 as Georgia's Official Census Week in order to build awareness and support throughout
31 Georgia.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Complete Count
34 Committee.